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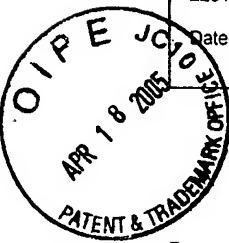
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For: METHODS, KITS AND ANTIBODIES
FOR DETECTING PARATHYROID
HORMONE

Examiner: J. Cheu

Group Art Unit: 1641

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER MPEP 724.02**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and MPEP 724.02, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the **SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER** documents and the **PROPRIETARY** document listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application.

The document numbers 1, 2, and 3 listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b are **SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER** and should only be viewed by the Examiner or other authorized Patent and Trademark Office Employees. These three documents are from civil action number 02 CV 0046 B (JMA), Nichols Institute Diagnostics, Inc. v. Scantibodies Clinical

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Laboratory, Inc. and Scantibodies Laboratory, Inc., currently pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

Document number 4 listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b is **PROPRIETARY** in nature and should only be viewed by the Examiner or other authorized Patent and Trademark Office Employees.

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- ☐ Before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under § 1.114. However, if applicable, a certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e)(1) has been provided.
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Pursuant to MPEP § 2004.13, Applicant points out that Nichols Institute Diagnostics Inc. (Nichols) has sued the assignee of the present application, Scantibodies Laboratory, Inc. (Scantibodies) for alleged infringement of U.S. Patent No. 6,030,790 ('790 patent) (*See* Exhibit A of document No. 1.) The '790 patent was submitted and considered by the Examiner in the prosecution of the parent patents of the present application, U.S. Patent No. 6,689,566 B1 (the '566 patent) and U.S. Patent No. 6,743,590 B1. The '790 patent was also submitted in the February 25, 2004 IDS (Reference No. 11) and considered by the Examiner in connection with the present application (*See* the January 24, 2005 Office Action). Applicant wishes to bring the Examiner's attention to Exhibit M of document No. 3, "Claim Chart for U.S. Patent No. 6,030,790" submitted by Nichols, in which the '566 patent is discussed.

Applicant would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO/SB/08a/b, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.


The information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98 is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a complete search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the above information constitutes prior art to the subject invention.

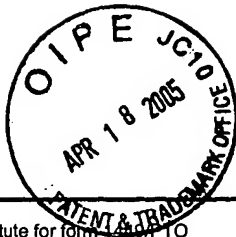
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	1.	Declaration of Julia A. Miller in Support of Nichols Institute Diagnostics, Inc.'s Motion for Leave to File Amended Complaint, filed January 26, 2004	
	2.	Nichols Institute Diagnostics, Inc.'s Notice of Lodgement of Corrected Copy of Proposed Second Amended Complaint, Exhibit A to Declaration of Julia A. Miller in Support of Nichols' January 26, 2004 Motion for Leave to File Amended Complaint, filed February 23, 2004	
	3.	Declaration of Julia A. Miller in Support of Nichols Institute Diagnostics, Inc.'s Motion for Summary Judgment that the '790 Patent Claims are Valid and Infringed, filed February 28, 2005	

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